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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO BRAZILIAN CNO TO VISIT U.S.

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1. IT OCCURS TO US THAT PROPOSED FEBRUARY VISIT BY BRAZILIAN CNO ADMIRAL EDDY SAMPAIO ESPELLET WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT BY A RANKING BRAZILIAN TO U.S. AFTER INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. BRAZILIANS ARE SENSITIVE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT'S POLICY TOWARDS BRAZIL AND AT LEAST WITHIN MILITARY ESTABLISH-MENT ADMIRAL ESPELLET WILL PROBABLY BE QUERIED EXTENSIVELY ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

2. ADMIRAL ESPELLET SERVED IN THE U.S. FOR TWO YEARS AS NAVAL ATTACHE AND HAS DEMONSTRATED TO HIS CONTACTS IN THE MISSION HIS SENSITIVITY TO AND AWARENESS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. WHILE THERE IS NO NEED TO LECTURE HIM AT LENGTH ON THE SUBJECT, WE THINK VISIT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR USG TO REITERATE TO GOB ITS INTEREST IN GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SENIOR DEFENSE OFFICIAL SUCH AS SECRETARY OF NAVY, OR ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY, OR ONE OF THEIR DEPUTIES, WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO DESCRIBE TO ADMIRAL ESPELLET IN DISPASSIONATE WAY COMMITMENT OF PEOPLE, CONGRESS AND ADMINIS-
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TRATION TO ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE GLOBALLY. MESSAGE COMING FROM DOD/USN OFFICIAL WOULD BE ALL THE MORE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE TOTALITY OF AMERICAN COMMIT-MENT TO THIS IMPORTANT CONCEPT. ESPELLET MIGHT ALSO BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE AWARE, AND APPRECIATIVE OF EFFORTS BY HIGH LEVELS OF GOB TO MAKE SUBORDINATES MORE SENSITIVE TO HUMAN RIGHTS CON-

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CERNS.

3. ALTHOUGH ESPELLET VISIT, AND ITS TIMING REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BENCHMARK USG EFFORT WITH BRAZILIANS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IN GENERAL WE BELIEVE VISITS BY BRAZILIANS OFFER POTENTIAL FOR A CONSIDERABLY GREATER WASHINGTON ROLE IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH GOB ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
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